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In re

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Joseph F. Kenney Jr.

Application No. 09/934,906

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**"THRUST BEARING ASSEMBLY WITH  
 PRELOAD SPRING"**

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**RESPONSE**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
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Sir:

This responds to the November 8, 2002 Office Action. Please amend the application as  
set forth below.

**Amendments**

**In the claims**

Please cancel claim 15 without prejudice.

Please replace claims 1 and 10 with the substitute claims set forth below.

1.(Amended) A thrust bearing assembly comprising:

two thrust races;

a plurality of rolling elements between and against the two thrust races, for supporting  
relative rotation of the thrust races about a common axis;

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